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SUBJECT: CORDOBA SEMINARIANS

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1. FATHER WEEKS INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT HE SPOKE TO LASALETTE SEMINARY IN CORDOBA ON AUGUST 28. WEEKS WAS TOLD THAT FOUR ARGENTINE SEMINARIANS ARE STILL BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO WHILE NOTHING HAS BEEN LEARNED SINCE AUGUST 16 ABOUT WHEREABOUTS OF FIFTH SEMINARIAN, HUMBERTO PANTOJA TAPIA, OF CHILE. WEEKS IS FEARFUL THAT SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO CHILEAN SUCH AS FORCED REPATRIATION.

2. WEEKS IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TO GENERATE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF SEMINARIANS. WEEKS HAS NOT YET GONE TO THE PRESS BUT SAYS THAT HE WILL AT MID-WEEK UNLESS THERE IS SOME HOPEFUL WORD FROM CORDOBA.

3. WEEKS IS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN ON THIS CASE. KISSINGER

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